

Appl. No. 10/780,220
Amdt. dated May 5, 2008

Reply to Final Action of Feb. 4, 2008

REMARKS

The February 4, 2008 Final Office Action finally rejected claims 1-4 and objected to claims 5 and 6 but indicated the objected-to claims included allowable subject matter. The present Amendment and Response, (i) cancels claims 1-4, and (ii) amends claim 5. Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the enclosed amendments and remarks and issuance of a timely notice of allowance..

In the Claims

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 5 and 6 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowed if rewritten in independent form. Applicant submits an amendment herewith to rewrite claim 5 to independent form and overcome the objection. Claim 6 depends from claim 5. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the objections to claims 5 and 6.

Claim Rejections

Claim 1 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Lanzafame et al., U.S. Patent No. 7,006,511, issued February 28, 2006.

Claims 2-4 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Lanzafame in view of Liu et al., U.S. Patent Application No. 2005/0058146, published on March 17, 2005. Applicant cancels claims 1-4 by amendment herewith. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the Section 102 and 103 rejections.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicant requests entry of the enclosed amendments, and issuance of a timely Notice of Allowance. Should the Examiner wish to discuss any of the above in greater detail or deem that further amendments should be made to improve the application, then the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the Examiner's convenience.

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